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A.F. Dormeyer Inc. workers receive federal help

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor has ruled that former employees of Parke County's A.F. Dormeyer, Inc. have been certified to receive federal Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Administered at the state level by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program is made available to workers who are displaced due to foreign imports or shifts in production out of the country.

Located in Rockville, the manufacturing facility recently ceased its production of transformers, solenoids and switches used in a variety of moving components and machines. A solenoid is a coil and a moveable iron core used to convert electrical energy into mechanical energy, and transformers and switches are also used as a part of the energy conversion process.

In order for dislocated workers to be eligible for TAA benefits, a company executive, union representative or three former employees must file a petition with U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and it must be approved before benefits can be released. A company official filed a petition on behalf of the dislocated workers at A.F. Dormeyer, Inc., on March 22, 2004.

The USDOL investigation found that the company's decision to import transformers resulted in the job loss at its Rockville facility. With the ruling, any employee who has been or will be totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 10, 2003 through two years from the date of certification is eligible to apply for adjustment assistance.

The TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for a variety of re-employment services, job search and relocation allowances and training. In addition, weekly trade re-adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following the exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits.

Additionally, the Department of Labor issued a certification for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) for separated older workers A.F. Dormeyer, Inc. It was found that a significant number of workers at the company age 50 or over possess skills that are not easily transferable and that competitive conditions within the industry are adverse. Older workers may choose between regular TAA benefits, or a wage subsidy of 50 percent of the difference between their new salary and old salary, up to \$10,000.

Information sessions for workers on how to apply for TAA are currently being planned and will be announced at a later date. Eligible parties may also contact Mary Lee Harris at the Terre Haute WorkOne at 812/ 234-6602, or any WorkOne Center for more information.

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